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WPAFB Named In Firing Suit

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WASHINGTON —Peter N. James, a Palm Beach, Fla., engineer who worked for the Pratt & Whitney division of United Aircraft Corp., has filed a \$6.2 million lawsuit in U.S. District court here charging that the company conspired with the Air Force's Foreign Technology division at Wright-Patterson Air Force base to fire him.

James, who has said he was an unpaid CIA spy from 1965 to 1971, alleged last year that:

"In building 823 of Wright-Patterson Air Force base near Dayton, Ohio, there exists a hush-hush operation of spies who answer to no one but the Air Force, who spy on their fellow citizens, and whose operations are so illegal and unethical that they are known privately as the "Air Force Mafia."

THE SUIT refers to several charges made earlier by James, including a charge that "certain relations between (Pratt & Whitney), other aerospace facilities and the Foreign Technology division were not in the best interests of either the United States of America or (Pratt & Whitney)."

James did work for the Foreign Technology division while on the Pratt & Whitney payroll. A spokesman for the company said he would make no comment on the suit.

James, in his suit filed in Palm Beach, Fla., asked for \$600,000 from Pratt & Whitney for being "wrongfully terminated," \$600,000 for conspiring with the FTD "to attempt to coerce and direct (James) not to communicate with any government officials other than FTD, \$500,000 for trying to keep James from writing a

book on aerospace programs of the U.S. and the Soviet Union, and \$750,000 for breaching his employment contract.

He also asked for \$750,000 for being subjected to "an attempt to defraud" him into voluntarily quitting his job, and \$3 million on related charges that Pratt & Whitney attempted to restrict his freedom of travel and keep him from getting another aerospace job.

James has a contract with Arlington House publishers for a book entitled "The Air Force Mafia."